

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 27, 1999

SENATE BILL

No. 1311

Introduced by Senator Baca

April 7, 1999

~~An act to add Chapter 20 (commencing with Section 53090) to Part 28 of the Education Code, relating to reading instruction.~~ *An act relating to reading instruction.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1311, as amended, Baca. Reading instruction.

Existing law establishes various programs that relate to reading development for elementary pupils, including the Reading Initiative Program, the Comprehensive Reading Leadership Program, and the Back to Basics Summer School Reading Program. Under existing law, the adopted course of study for grades 1 to 6, inclusive, is required to include instruction in the skill of reading.

This bill would authorize the University of California to enter into a partnership with any school district to establish *research-based* reading improvement programs for pupils enrolled in kindergarten and grade 1. The bill would state that its provisions would not apply to the University of California except to the extent that the Regents of the University of California, by appropriate resolution, make its provisions applicable.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

~~SECTION 1. Chapter 20 (commencing with Section 53090) is added to Part 28 of the Education Code, to read:~~

~~CHAPTER 20. READING INITIATIVE FOR PUPILS IN
KINDERGARTEN AND GRADE 1~~

~~53090.—~~

~~SECTION 1. (a) This chapter act shall be known, and may be cited, as the Reading Initiative for Pupils in Kindergarten and Grade 1.~~

~~53091.~~

~~(b) The University of California and any school district may enter into a partnership to establish research-based reading improvement programs for pupils enrolled in kindergarten and pupils enrolled in grade 1.~~

~~53092.~~

~~(c) Reading improvement programs established pursuant to this chapter act may be conducted during summer school, regular session, and after the regular schedule of classes.~~

~~53093.~~

~~(d) Reading improvement programs established pursuant to this chapter act may include, but are not necessarily limited to, all of the following:~~

~~(a)~~

~~(1) Training in phonemic awareness and the use of phonetic sounds.~~

~~(b)—, English letter-sound relations, the connection of phonics and spelling, and application of skills to reading and writing.~~

~~(2) The assistance of master teachers to serve as reading coaches to improve reading instruction.~~

~~53094.~~

~~(e) No provision of this chapter act shall apply to the University of California except to the extent that the Regents of the University of California, by appropriate resolution, make that provision applicable.~~

1 ~~53095.~~

2 (f) It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
3 legislation that would establish an evaluation process for
4 programs established pursuant to this ~~chapter~~ *act*.

5 ~~53096.~~

6 (g) It is the intent of the Legislature that programs
7 established pursuant to this ~~chapter~~ *act* be funded by an
8 appropriation in the annual Budget Act or another
9 measure, or, to the extent funds are available, from
10 existing appropriations.

